

A young girl with brown hair and white flower clips stands in a field of tall green grass and yellow sunflowers. She is wearing a bright yellow, short-sleeved, peasant-style dress with a white wavy pattern and a full skirt. She is also wearing brown leather boots with floral cutouts. The background is a soft-focus field of sunflowers.

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Matilda

*The perfect peasant dress
with three sleeve lengths*

Sizes 2-10 years

Violette Field Threads Standard Children's 2T-10 years Size Chart:

	2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
Bust	19 ½"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24 ½"	25 ½"	27"
Waist	19"	19 ½"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	25"
Hips	22"	23"	24"	25 ½"	26 ½"	27 ½"	28 ½"	29 ½"
Height	35"	38"	41"	44"	46"	49"	52"	55"

Finished Measurement Chart:

	2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
Finished Bust	24 ½"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29 ½"	30 ½"	32"
Finished Waist (with elastic inserted)	19"	19 ½"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	25"
¾ Sleeve Length*	12"	12 ½"	13"	13 ½"	14"	14 ½"	14 ½"	14 ¾"
Dress Length *	19 ½"	20 ¾"	21 ¾"	23"	23 ½"	26"	26 ¾"	28"

*Finished length is taken from shoulder to hem.

Fit Guide:

Bust: The Matilda Dress has 5" of ease in the bust. The neckline is gathered in with elastic to create a peasant dress look.

Waist: The Matilda Dress has an elastic casing at the waistband for ease of fit. This waistband will gather in the fabric to provide a tailored fit. Measure your child around the waist, right at the belly button and choose the size closest from the **Violette Field Threads Standard Children's 2T-10 years Size Chart**. If you are in between sizes, we recommend sizing down. The elastic will allow for 2-3" of stretch.

Dress Length: The Matilda Dress is designed to hit at the top of the knee. The dress can be shortened or lengthened by adding or removing the desired amount from the bottom of the skirt front and back.

Styles Included:

The Matilda dress is a peasant style dress with an elastic casing at the neckline and at the waist. The skirt is designed to hit at the top of the knee and is very full. Three sleeve styles are included: Flutter, Short & $\frac{3}{4}$ Length.



Matilda looks especially sweet when layered under our Rosemary Pinafore!



Fabric Requirements: (44-45" wide fabric)

Size	2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
Bodice Front & Back	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	1/3 yd.	1/3 yd.	1/3 yd.	1/3 yd.	1/3 yd.
Skirt Front & Back	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.	1 1/8 yd.	1 ¼ yd.	1 ¼ yd.	1 1/4 yd.
¾ Length Sleeve*	½ yd.	½ yd.	½ yd.	½ yd.	½ yd.	½ yd.	½ yd.	5/8 yd.
Short Sleeve*	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	1/3 yd.
Flutter Sleeve*	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¼ yd.

***The Matilda Dress can feature either Flutter Sleeves, Short Sleeves, or ¾ Length Sleeves. You will only need to choose one, not all three.**

Fabric recommendations:

Cotton, Cotton Blends, Linen, Voile, Silk, Silk Blends

Notions:

Dress: ½" Elastic – 2 yards

¾" Length Sleeve: ¾" Elastic – ½ yard

½" ~~yard~~ of Ribbon (for the decorative elastic arm casing)

Short Cap Sleeve: ¾" Elastic – ½ yard

Tips for Sewing:

** All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise stated.*

**Gathering: Adjust your sewing machine to a long stitch. Sew a straight line 1/4" from the top of the side to be gathered. Only backstitch at the end. Pull the bottom thread (the bobbin thread). Fabric will gather and can be adjusted to desired length.*

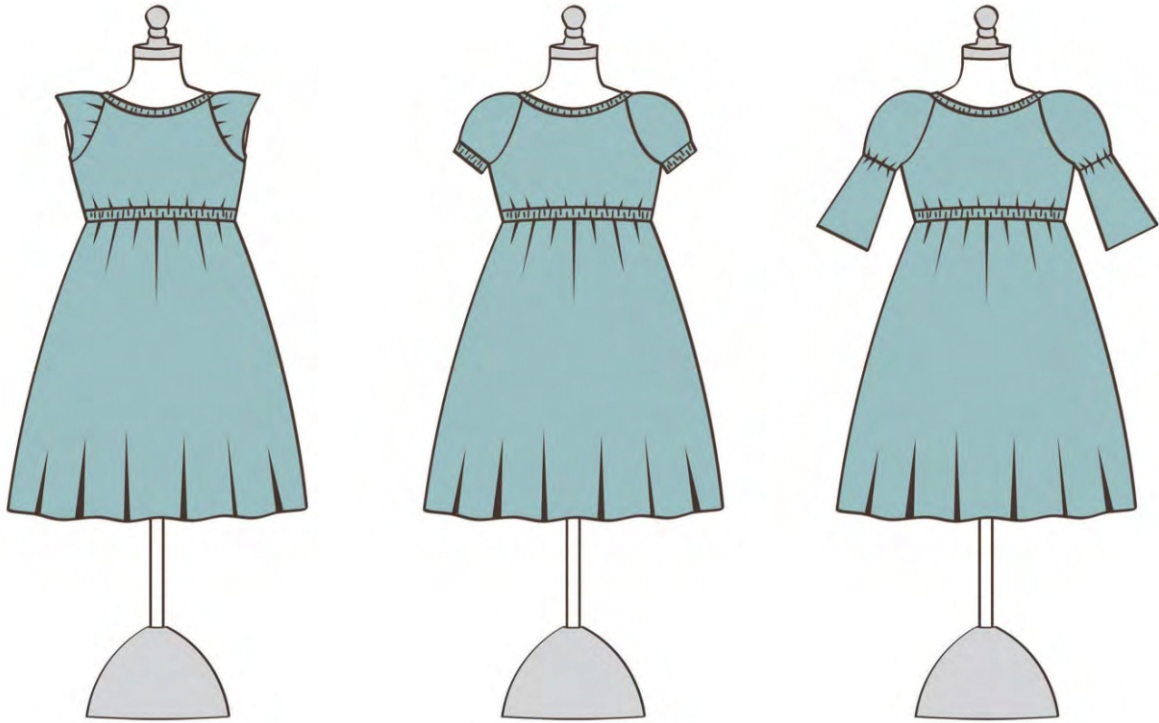
** Topstitching: Once a seam has been sewed and serged, this is a single stitch sewn on the right side of the fabric/seam to give a finished look, and to add extra durability. Iron any inside seams up so that when you topstitch it will hold the seam in place. Be sure to sew the top-stitch close along the seam edge.*

**Ironing: Ironing is a very important part of sewing. Be sure to iron when instructed.*

**Pre-shrink machine washable fabrics: Wash, dry and iron fabrics prior to beginning your project.*

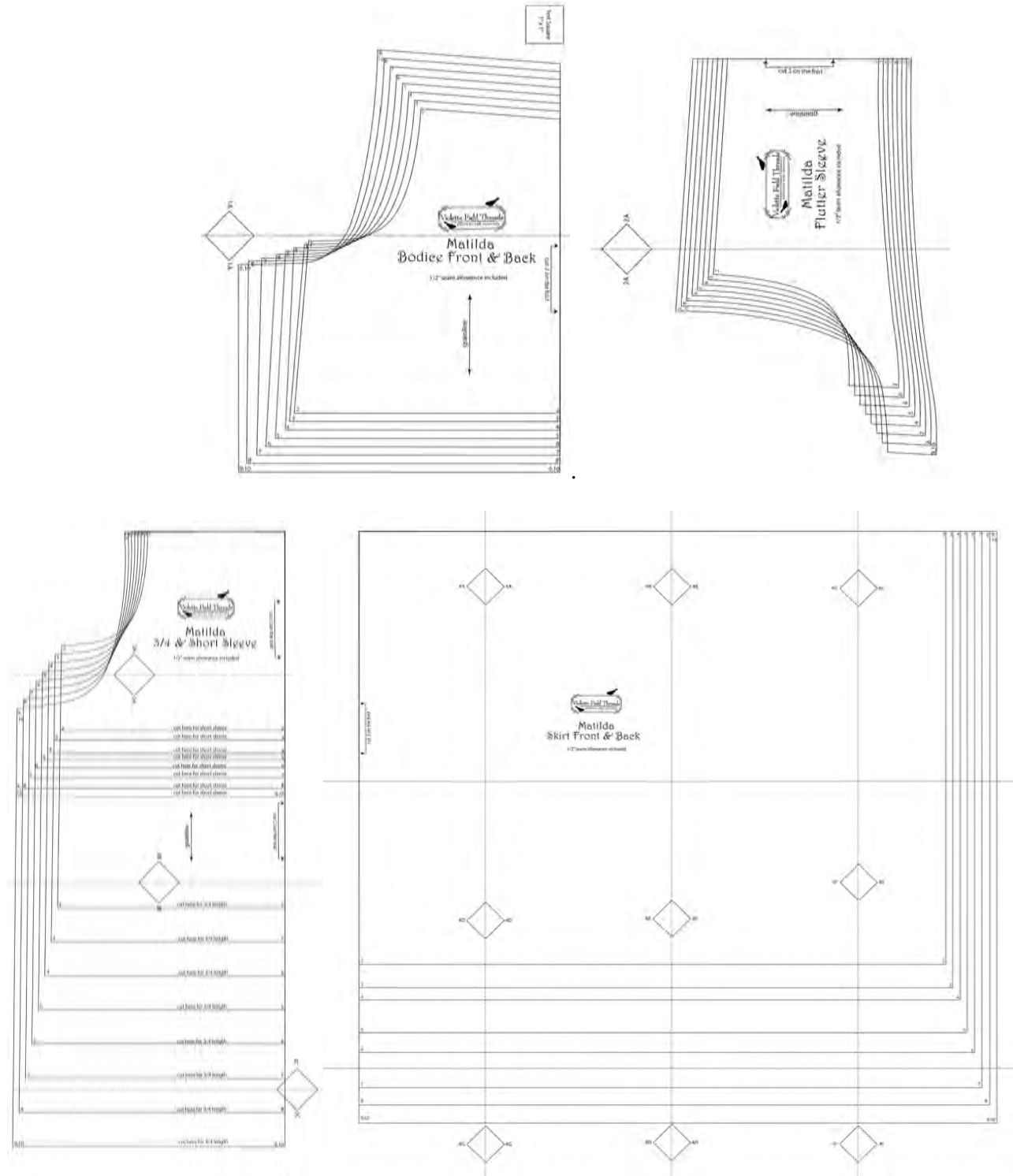
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Matilda Front & Back Drawings:



Pattern Pieces:

Print out all pattern pieces. Arrange the pattern pieces as shown in the picture below, tape together and then cut to size. (NOTE: See the **Printing Instructions** on page 8 and the **Measurement Chart** on page 9 for additional pattern piece information prior to printing.)



Printing Instructions:

You will only need to print certain pattern pages for the look you are creating. Please use the below information to select pages for printing.

Bodice Front & Back: Print pattern pages 24-25

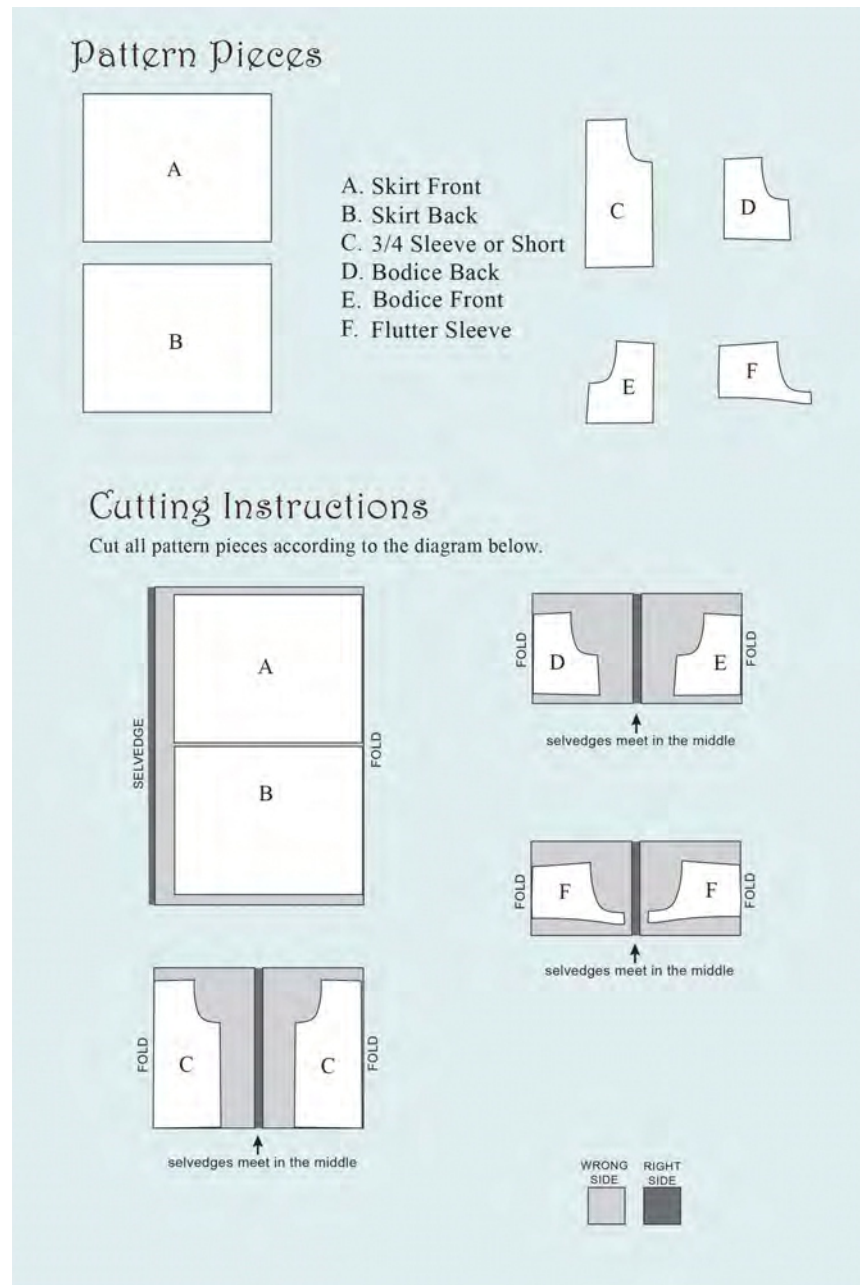
Flutter Sleeve: Print pattern pages 26-27

Short or $\frac{3}{4}$ Length Sleeve: Print pattern pages 28-31

Skirt Front & Back: Print pattern pages 32-43

Cutting Instructions:

Cut all pattern pieces according to the diagram below.



Measurement Chart:

Pattern pieces are provided for the following pieces, however some are rectangles. If you prefer not to print the rectangles, then please use the below chart to cut these pattern pieces. If you choose this method, you will not need to print pages 32-43.

Skirt Front & Back – Cut 2 – (length x width)							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
15" x 40 ½"	15 7/8" x 40 ¾"	16 3/8" x 41"	17 ½" x 41 ¼"	18 1/8" x 41 ½"	19 3/8" x 41 ¾"	20 x 42"	20 5/8" x 42 ¼"

Cutting Charts:

The following pieces do not have pattern pieces, please cut according to the charts below:

Waistband Elastic – (½" Elastic) – Cut 1							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
19"	19 ½"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	25"

Neckline Elastic – (½" Elastic) – Cut 1							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
18"	18 ½"	19"	19 ½"	20"	20 ½"	21"	21 ½"

¾ Length Sleeve Elastic Casing – Cut 2 – (length x width)							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
14" x 1- 1½"	14 ½" x 1- 1½"	15" x 1- 1½"	15 ½" x 1- 1½"	16" x 1- 1½"	16 ½" x 1- 1½"	17" x 1- 1½"	17 ½" x 1- 1½"

NOTE: This casing can be made from Lace or Decorative Ribbon. If you choose to make a casing from fabric, then cut the fabric 1" wider than recommended in the chart. Turn the long sides edges under ½" and iron flat to create finished edges before attaching the casing to the ¾" Length Sleeve.

Short Sleeve Elastic – (¾" Elastic) – Cut 2							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
7 ½"	8"	8 ½"	8 ¾"	9"	9 1/2"	9 ¾"	10"

¾ Length Sleeve Elastic – (¾" Elastic) – Cut 2							
2T	3T	4T	5	6	7	8	9,10
8 ¼"	8 ½"	8 ¾"	9"	9 ¼"	9 ½"	9 ¾"	10"

Sewing Instructions:

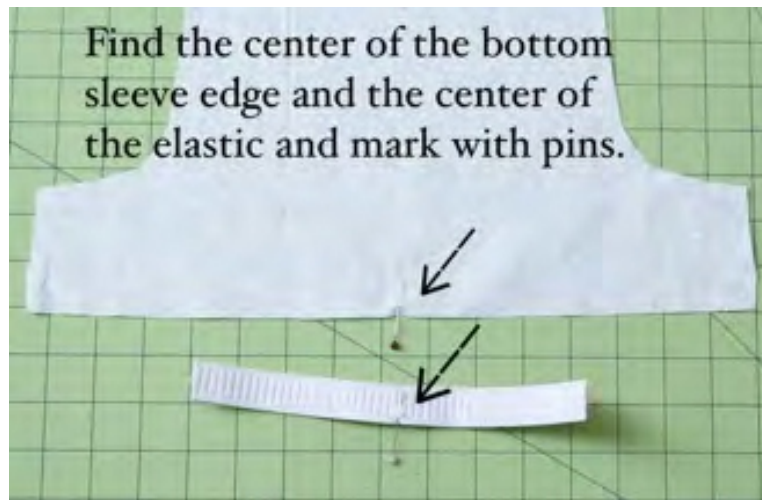
To create the Short Sleeve, begin here:

To create the $\frac{3}{4}$ Length Sleeve, please skip down to step #11.

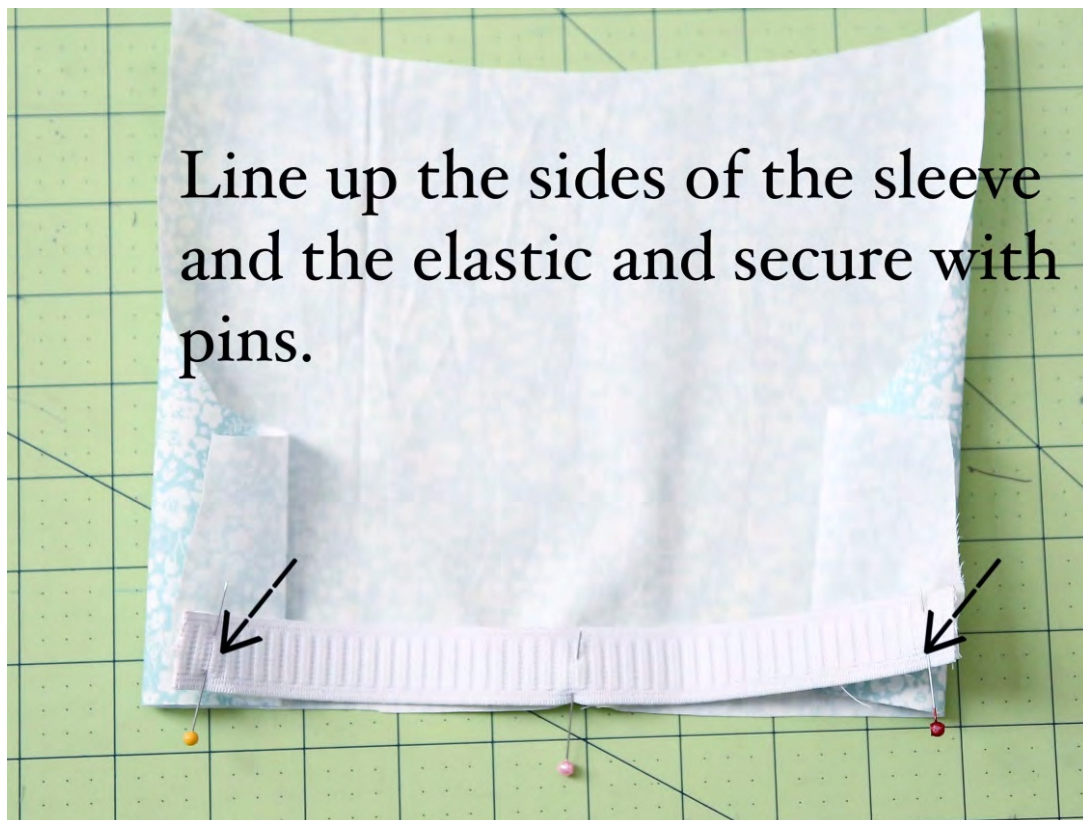
To create the Flutter Sleeve, please skip down to step #15.

Finishing the Short Sleeve with Serged Elastic: (To finish with an Elastic Casing, skip down to step #6.)

1. Working on the wrong side of the fabric, find the center of the bottom sleeve edge and mark with a pin. Find the center of one short sleeve elastic and mark with a pin.



2. Line up the bottom side edges of the short sleeve with the elastic ends and pin to secure.



3. Attach the elastic to the short sleeve using either a serger or a tight zig-zag stitch. Start by sewing 1" and with the needle down, stretch the elastic between the first two pins as you sew. Once you reach the second pin, stretch the elastic between the next two pins as you sew. Sew slowly and try to keep the stretching uniform. Sew all the way across the bottom edge.



4. Turn the elastic up one time into the short sleeve. The serged edge is now facing up. Pin to secure. Sew right along the serged edge of the elastic, stretching the elastic as you sew.



5. Repeat steps #1-5 for the remaining short sleeve. Skip down to step #15 to continue.

Finishing the Short Sleeve with an Elastic Casing:

6. Serge or sew a tight zig-zag stitch along the bottom raw edge of the short sleeve.
7. Turn the bottom edge up $\frac{3}{4}$ " and iron flat. Sew right along the serged edge to create a casing.
8. Attach a safety pin or bodkin to the elastic and guide it through the casing to the opposite end, securing the elastic at both ends with a pin.
9. Sew a basting stitch along both ends to secure the elastic.
10. Repeat steps #6-10 for the opposite short sleeve and remaining elastic piece. Skip down to step #15 to continue.

Creating the $\frac{3}{4}$ Length Sleeve:

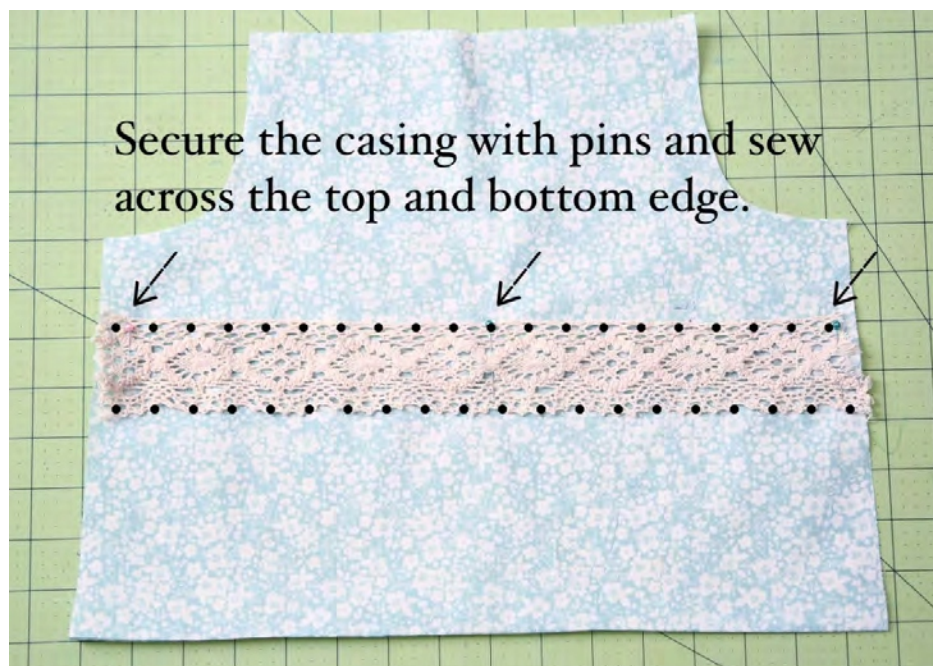
11. Hem the bottom raw edge of one of the $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves. Turn the sleeve up $\frac{1}{4}$ " with the wrong sides touching and iron flat. Turn up another $\frac{1}{4}$ " and iron flat.



12. Measure down from the side of the armhole edge according to the chart below.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9,10
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3"	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4"

Place the top of sleeve elastic casing (lace, decorative ribbon or fabric) at this measurement, centering it on the $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve. The wrong side of the elastic casing will be touching the right side of the $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve. Sew along the top and bottom edges to secure the casing to the $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve, leaving the short side edges open.



13. Attach a safety pin to one end of the elastic. Feed the elastic through the casing, pinning the elastic to secure it at each side of the $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve. Baste the edges to secure the elastic.



14. Repeat steps #11-13 for the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve.

Attaching the Sleeves to the Bodice: (Continue here for all sleeve styles chosen.)

***NOTE: Although the Flutter Sleeves are pictured in these steps, the instructions are the same for ALL sleeve styles.**

15. Lay one sleeve on top of the bodice front with the right sides touching. Line up the raw side edge of one side of the sleeve with the raw armhole opening of the bodice front. Begin pinning the sleeve to the bodice front starting from the top continuing to pin around the U shape to the side edge. Sew along the pinned seam.



16. Open the sewn sleeve up and pin the remaining sleeve to the opposite armhole edge of the bodice front with the right sides touching. Begin pinning the sleeve to the bodice front starting from the top continuing to pin around the U shape to the side edge. Sew along the pinned seam.



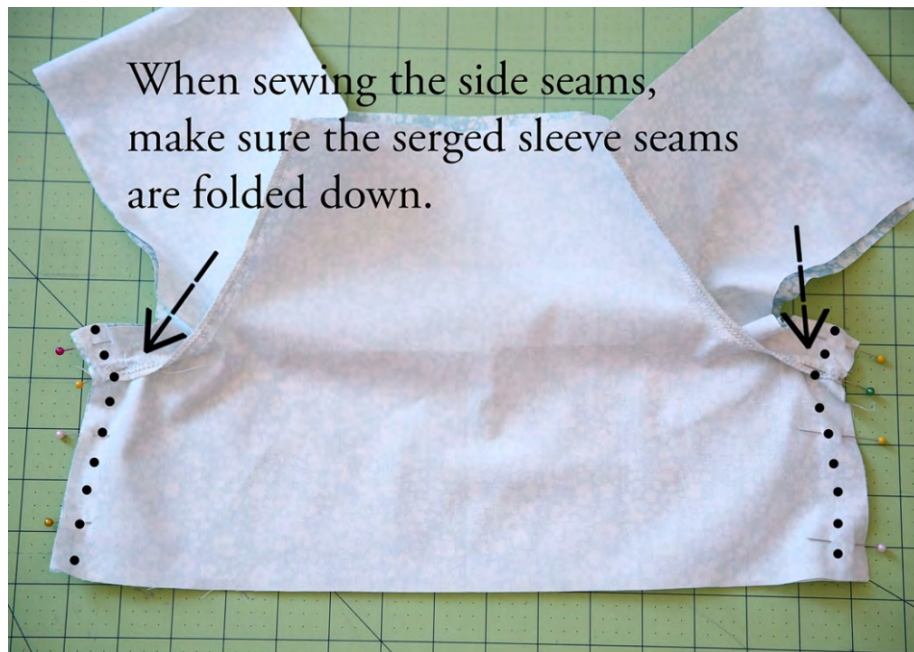
17. Pin the remaining back bodice piece to the remaining raw sleeve armholes. Begin pinning the sleeves to the bodice back starting from the top continuing to pin around the U shape to the side edges. Sew along the pinned seams.



18. For a professional look, finish the seams with a serger or trim off $\frac{1}{2}$ of the seam allowance and finish with a zigzag stitch.



19. Pin the front and back together along both side seams. Make sure that the serged sleeve seams are folded down towards the bottom of the bodice. Sew together along the pinned seams. For a professional look, finish the seams with a serger or trim off ½ of the seam allowance and finish with a zigzag stitch. Set aside.



Hemming the Flutter Sleeves:

To continue with the Short or ¾ Length Sleeve, skip down to step #21.

20. Hem the bottom raw edge of both flutter sleeves. Turn the sleeve up 1/4" with the wrong sides touching and iron flat. Turn up another 1/4" and iron flat. Sew right along the ironed hem.

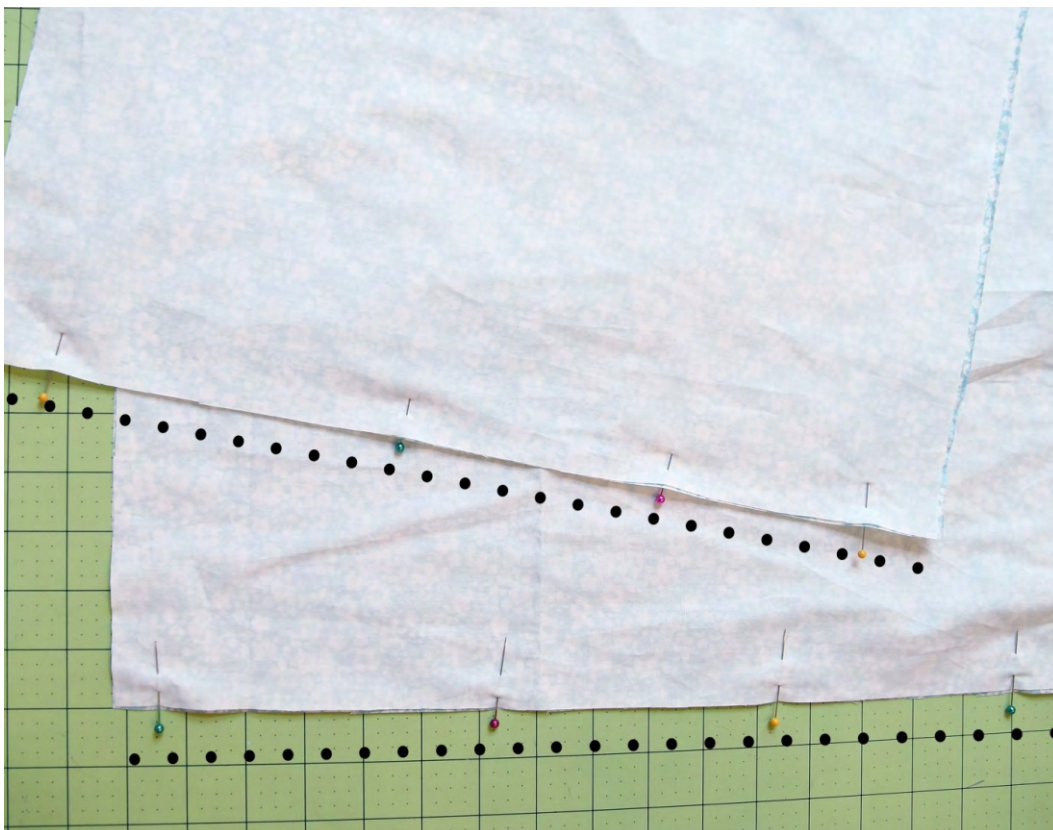


21. If desired, top stitch the sleeve seam on the right side of the fabric. Make sure the inside serged seam is folded down towards the bottom of the bodice.

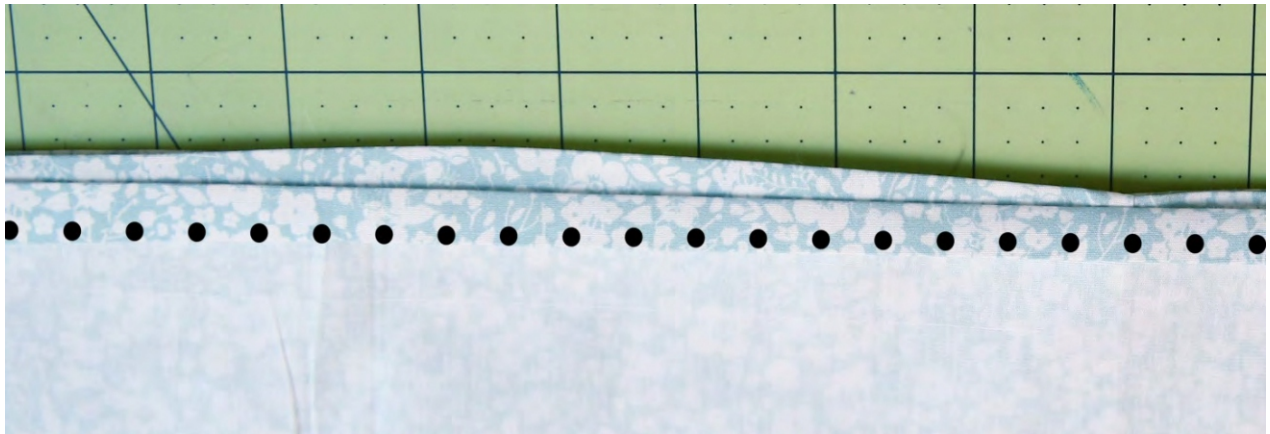


Creating the Skirt:

22. Place the front and back skirt pieces together with the right sides touching and the raw edges lining up. Pin together along both short side seams. Sew together along the pinned seams. For a professional look, finish the seams with a serger or trim off $\frac{1}{2}$ of the seam allowance and finish with a zigzag stitch. Iron the seams flat.



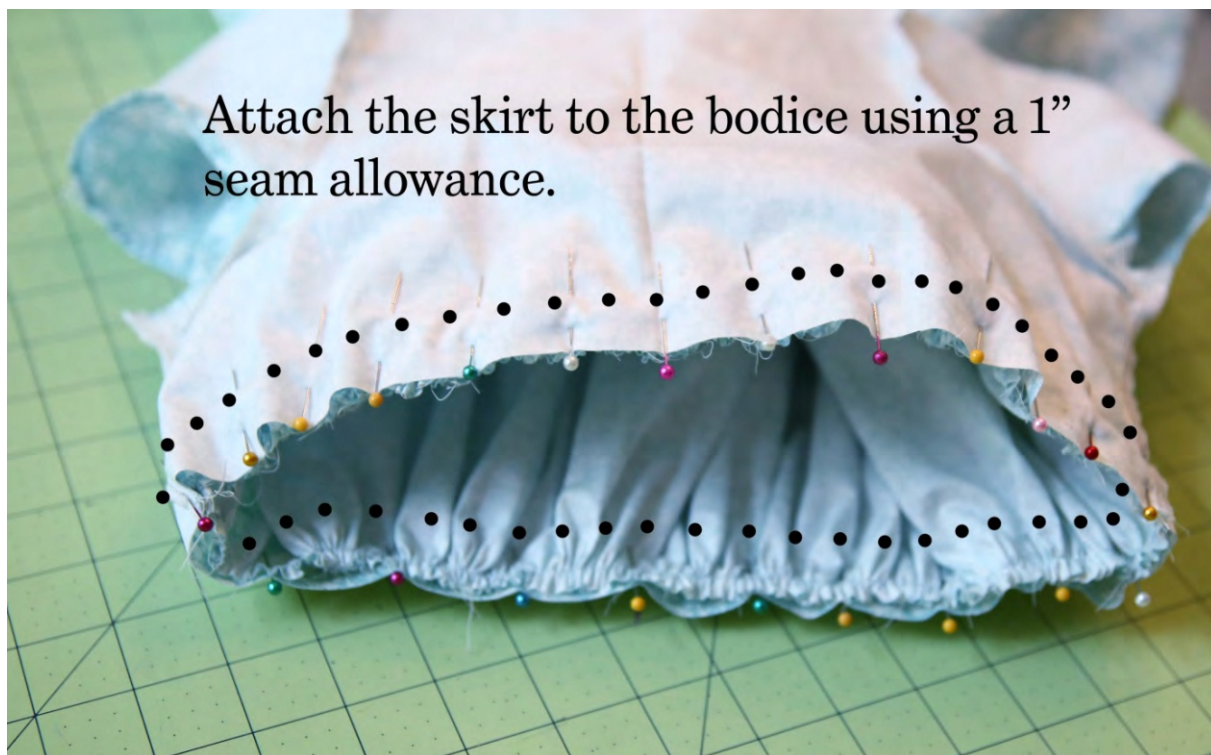
23. Hem the bottom raw edge of the skirt. To hem, turn the fabric 1/4" up with the wrong sides touching and iron. Then, turn up another 1/4" and iron. Sew the hem.



24. Sew two rows of gathering stitches along the top raw edge of the skirt. The first gathering stitch should be 1/4" from the top raw edge. The second gathering stitch should be 3/8" from the top raw edge. Gather the skirt up until it is the same width around as the bodice.



25. Place the bodice over the gathered skirt with the right sides touching and the raw edges lined up. Line up the side seams and pin to secure. Adjust the gathers as necessary and pin to secure.



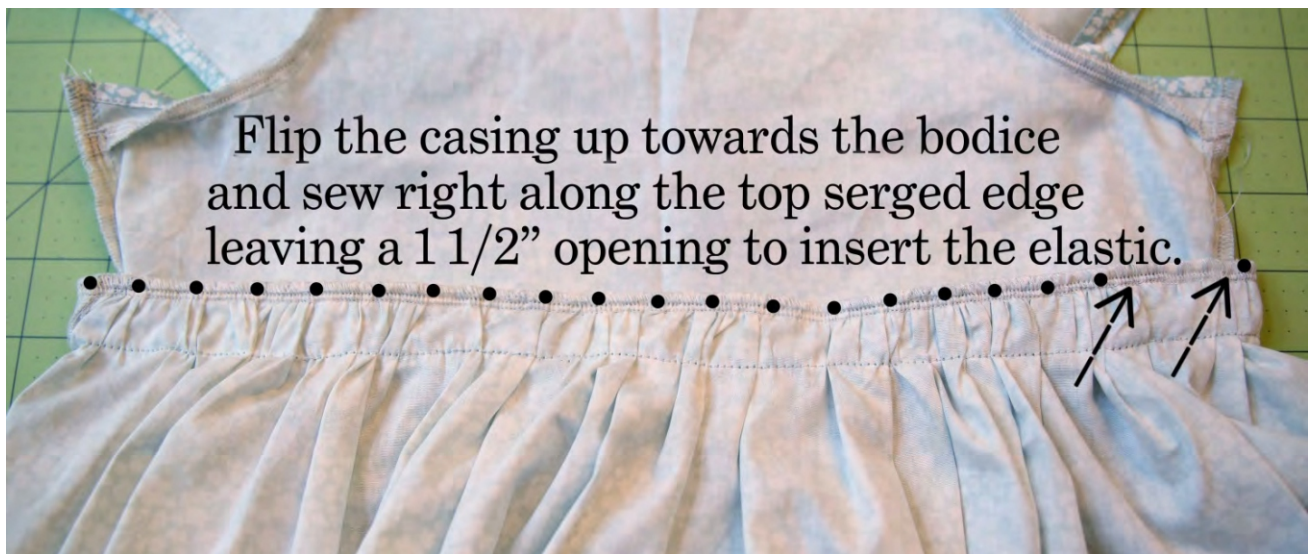
26. Sew along the pinned seam using a 1" seam allowance.



27. Do not trim the seam allowance. Finish the raw edge with a serger or zigzag stitch.



28. The 1" seam allowance will now become the waist casing for the bodice elastic. Flip the casing up towards the bodice and iron flat. Sew the casing to the bodice right along the top serged edge leaving a 1 1/2" opening near the side edge to insert the elastic.



29. Attach a safety pin or a bodkin to one end of the elastic. Insert the elastic into the opening in the waist casing.



30. Feed the elastic through the casing and out the opposite side. Pin the ends of the elastic together and sew to secure.





32. Create a neckline casing. Fold the top raw edge of the sleeves and bodice down $\frac{1}{4}$ " with the wrong sides touching and iron flat. Fold down another $\frac{3}{4}$ " and iron flat. Sew around the ironed hem right along the folded edge, leaving a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " opening in the back to insert the elastic.



33. Attach a safety pin or a bodkin to one end of the elastic. Insert the elastic into the opening in the neckline casing. Feed the elastic through the casing and out the opposite side. Pin the ends of the elastic together and sew to secure.

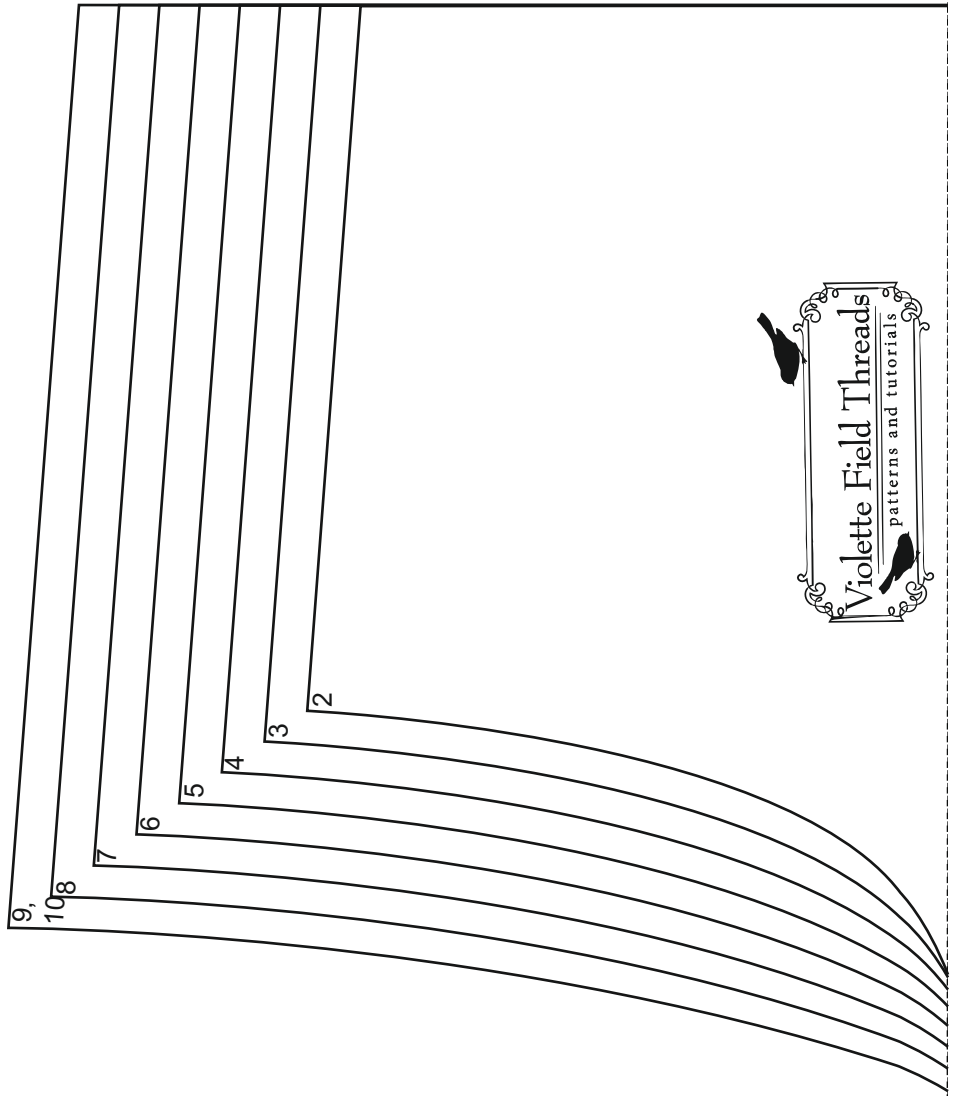


34. Sew the 1 ½" opening closed and adjust the gathers evenly around the neckline.

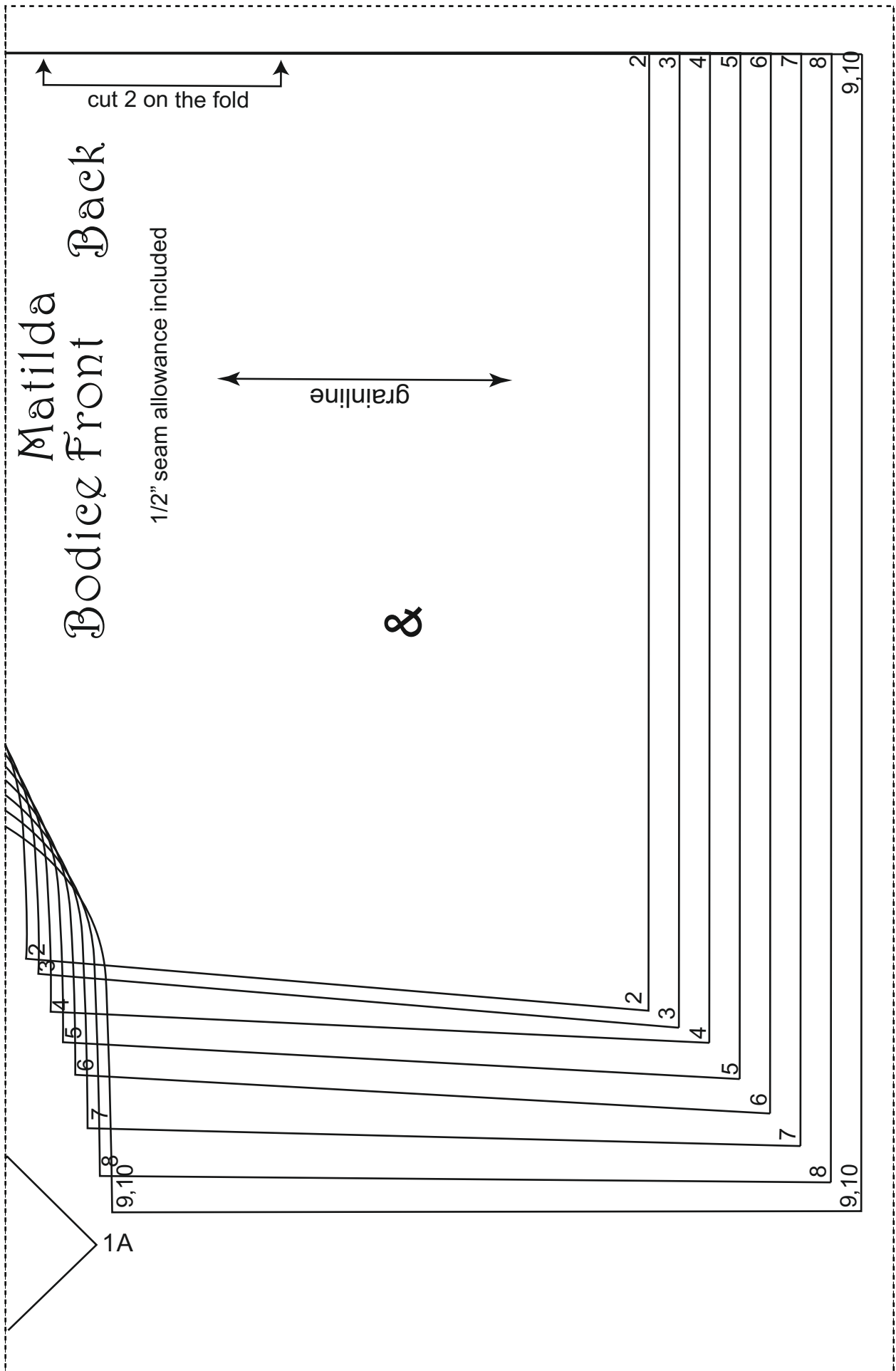
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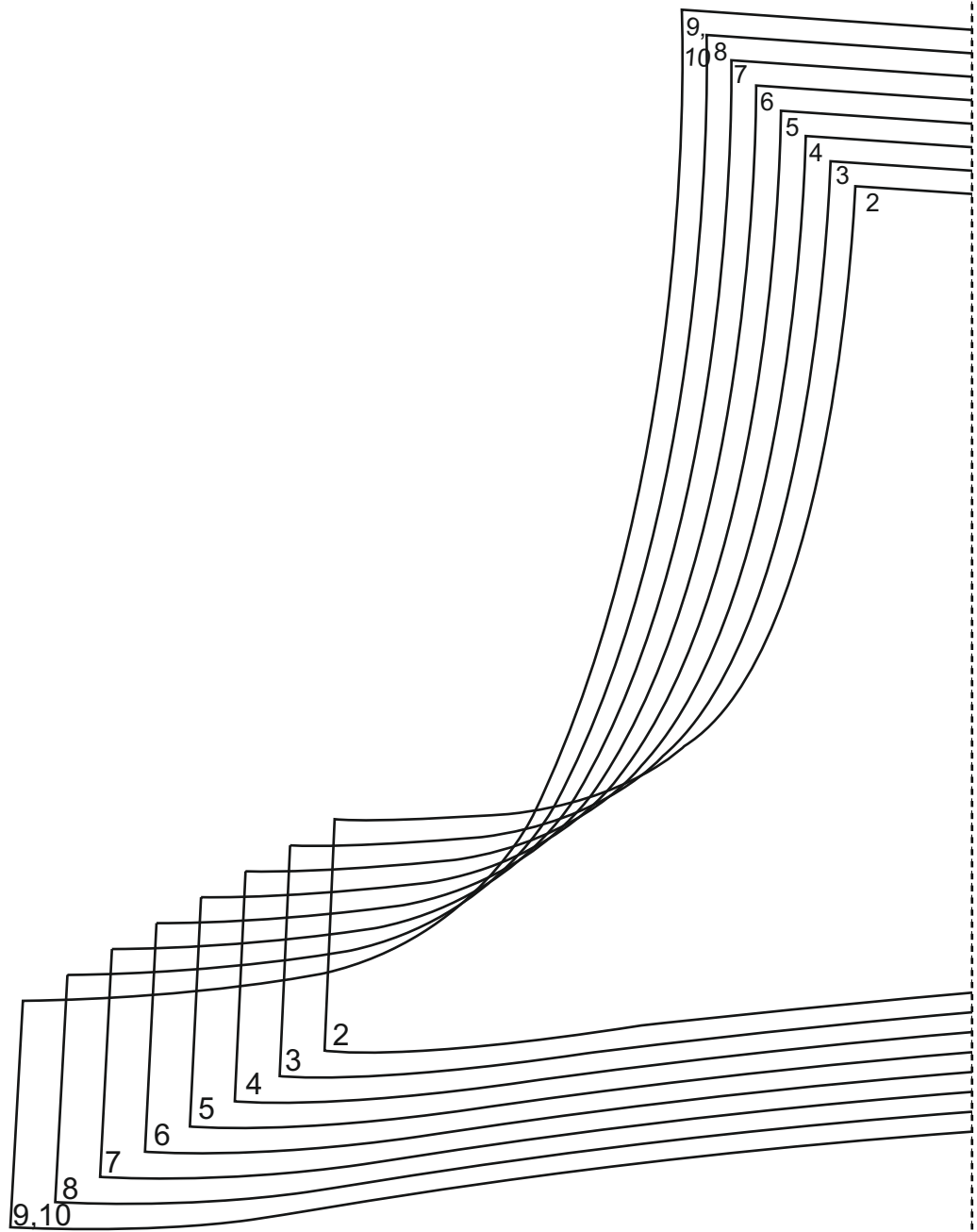
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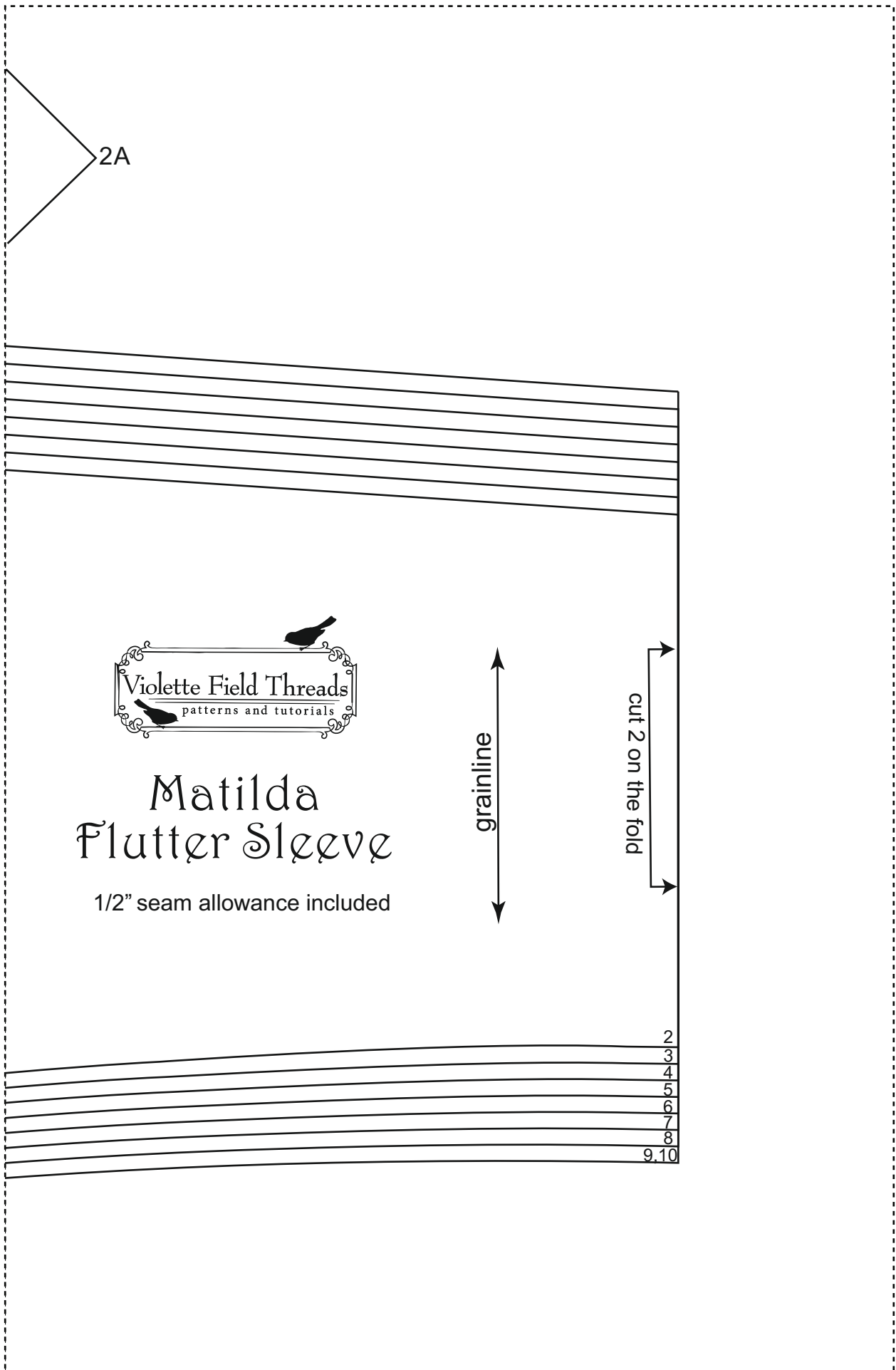


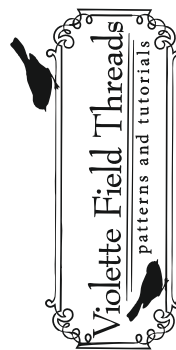
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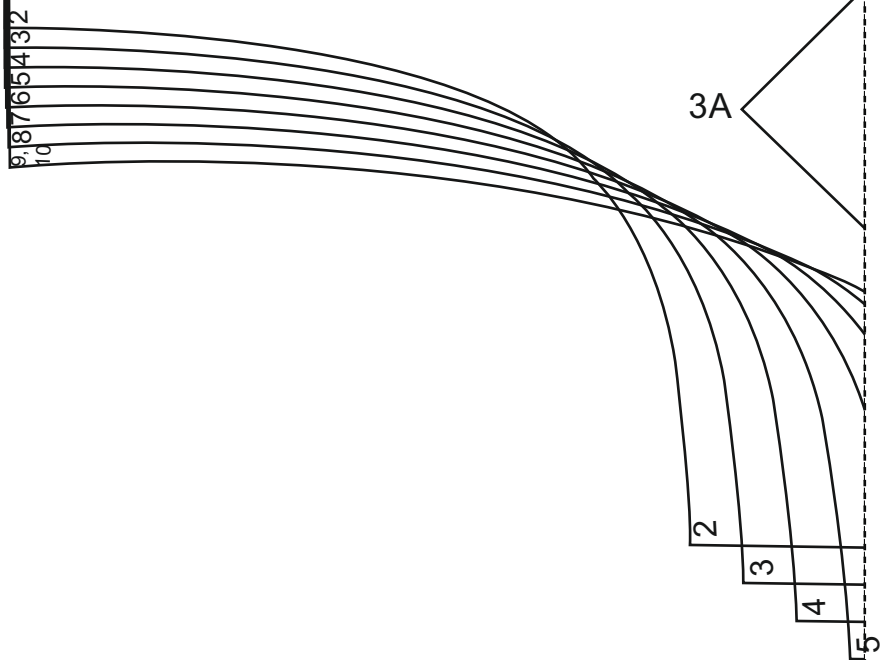


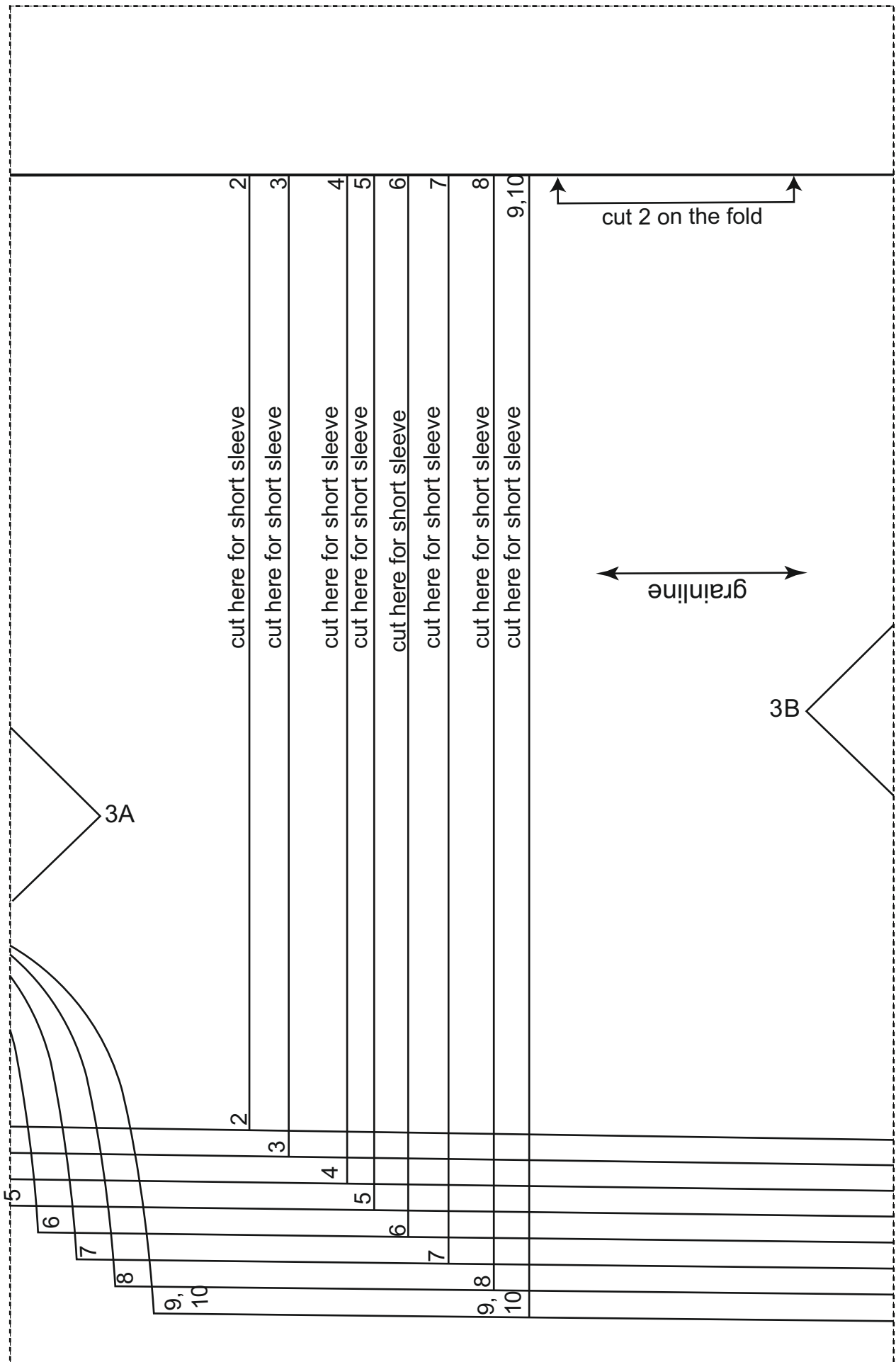


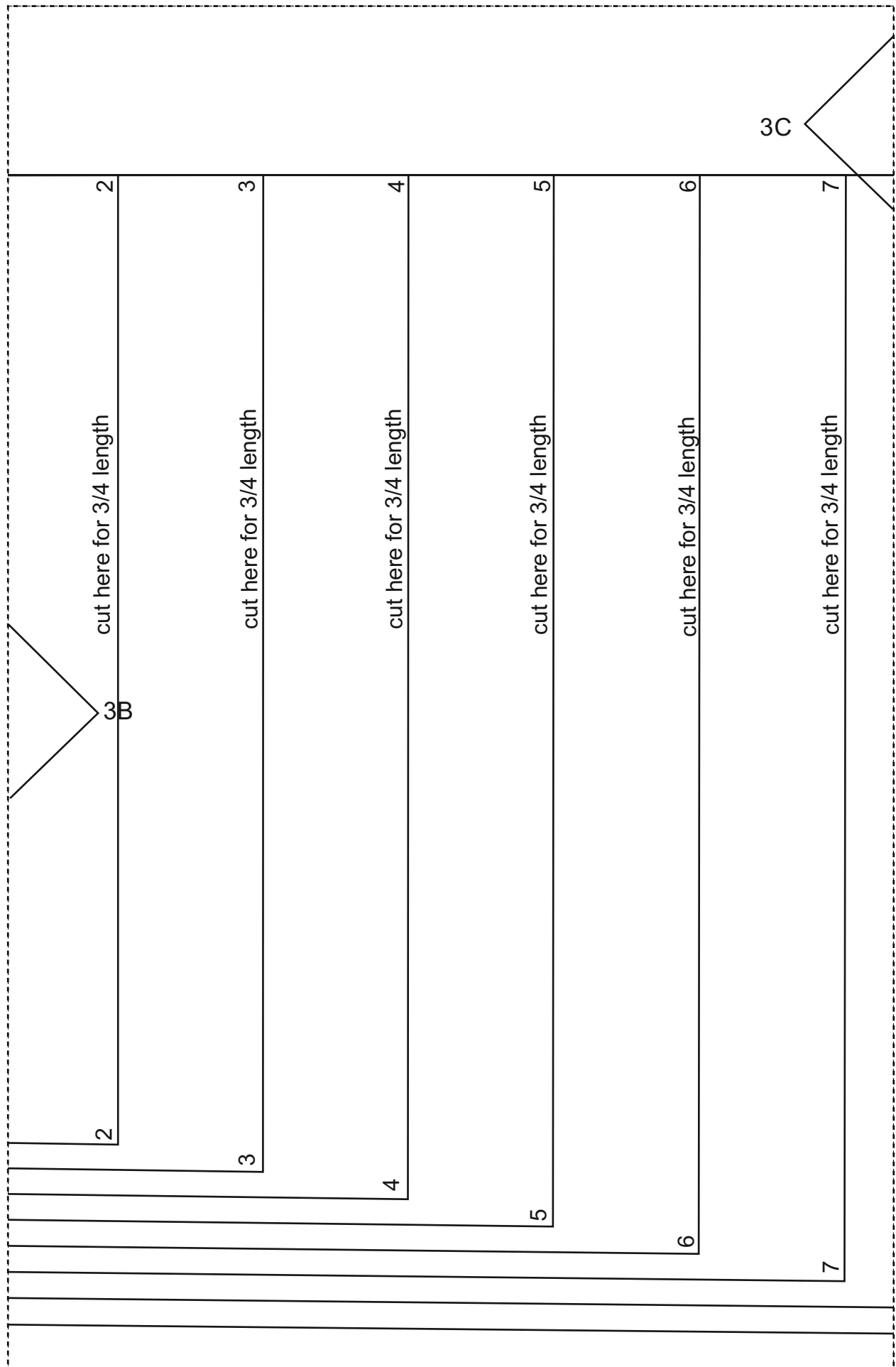
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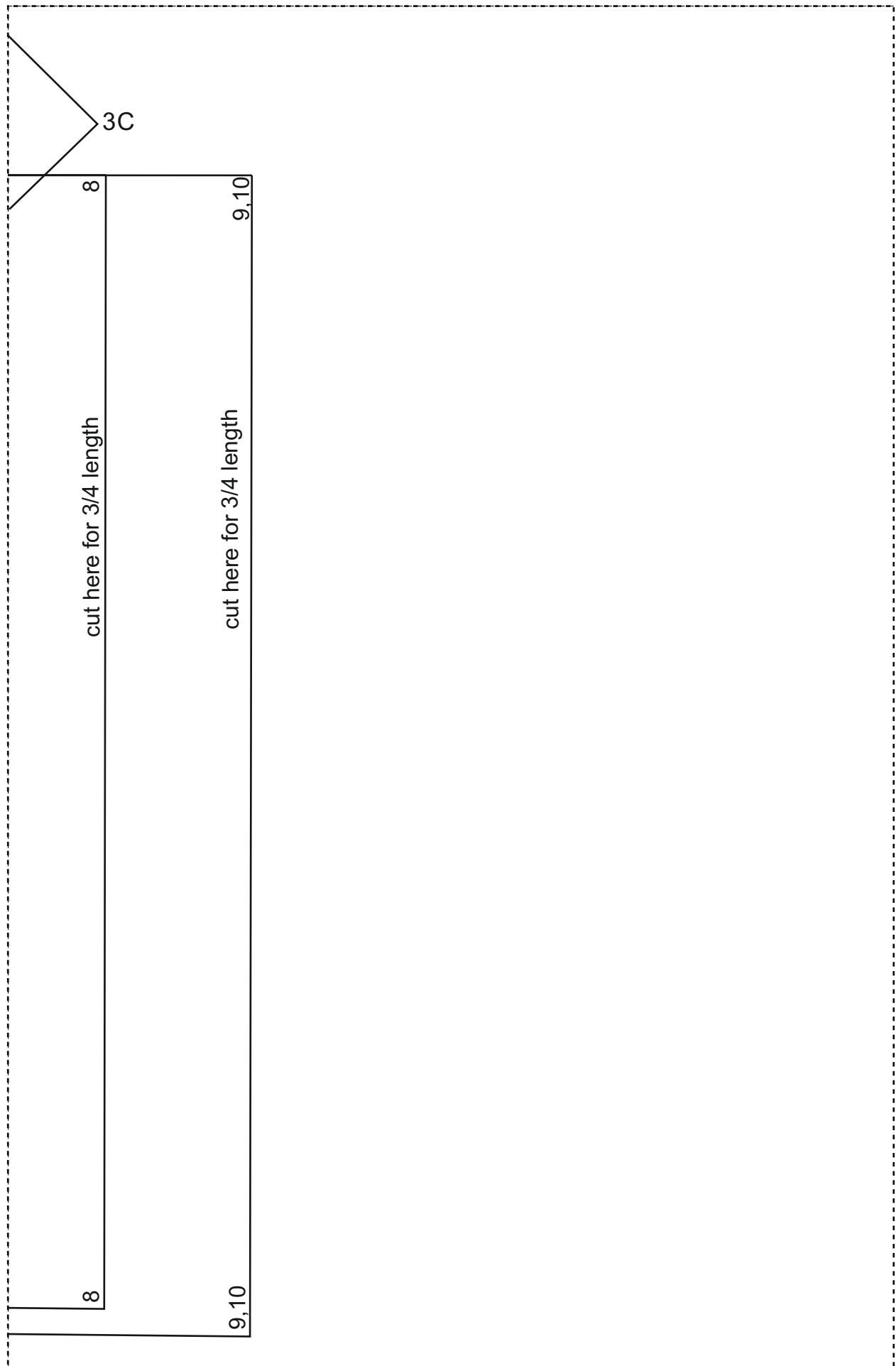
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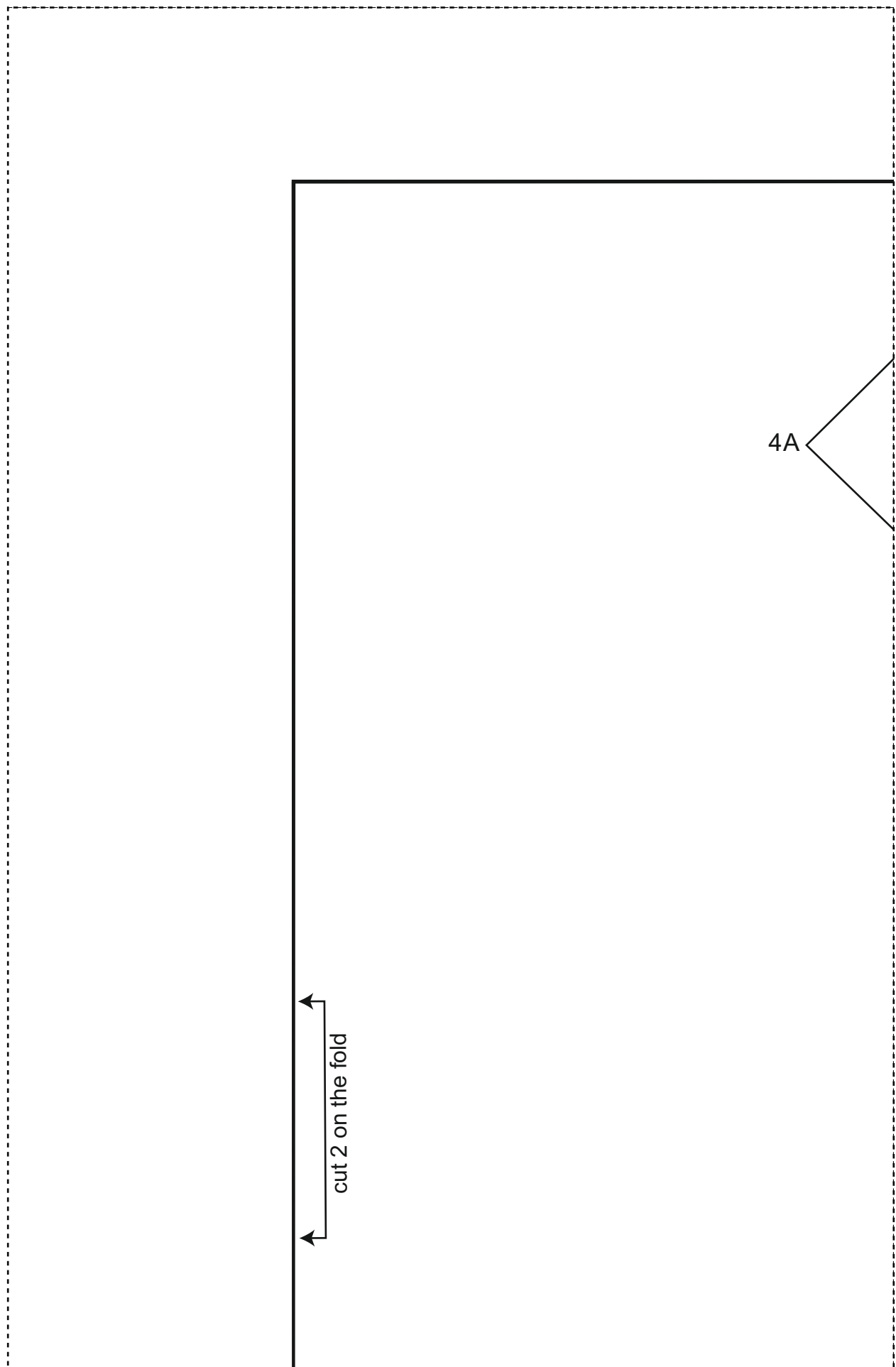
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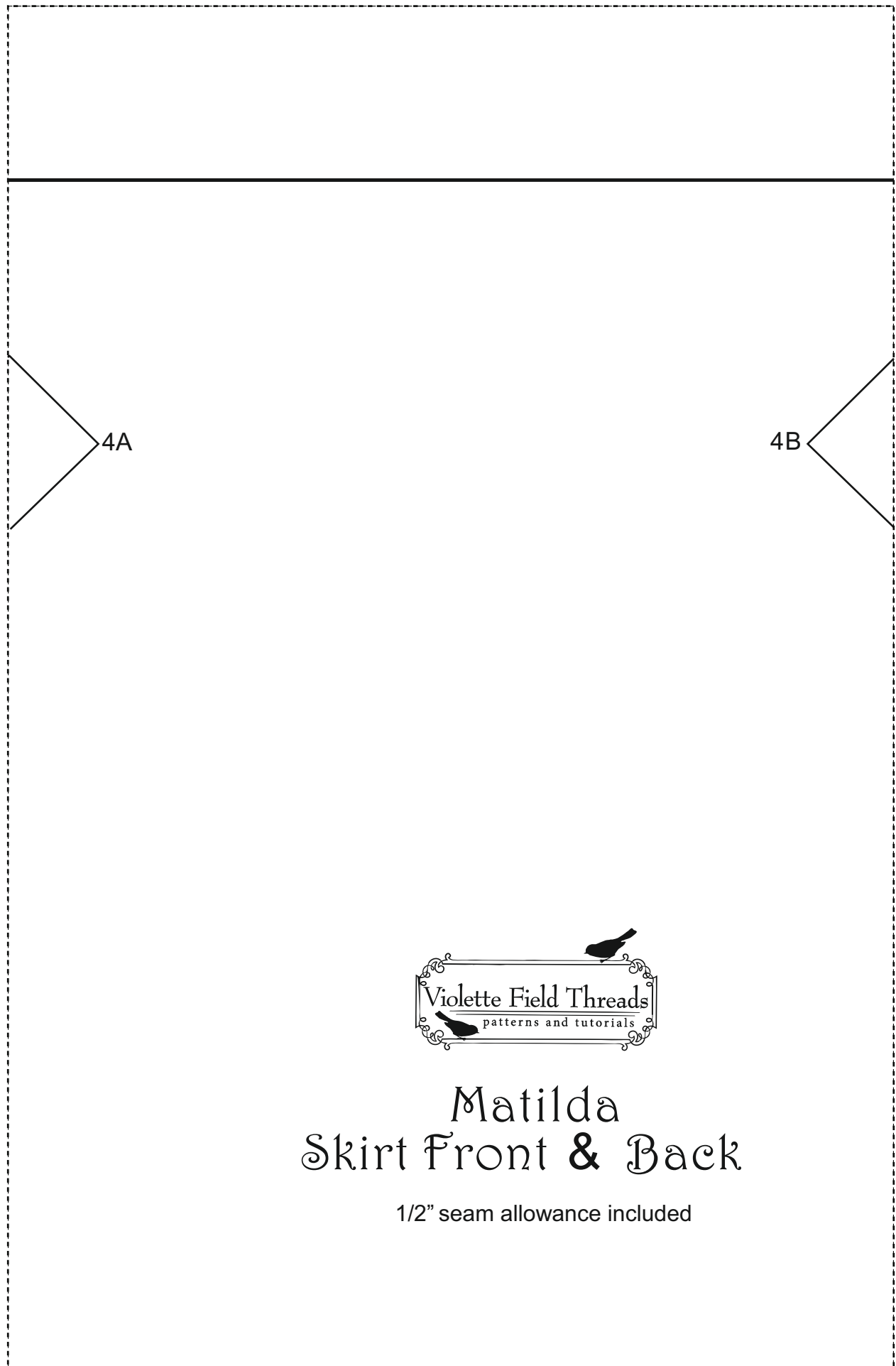






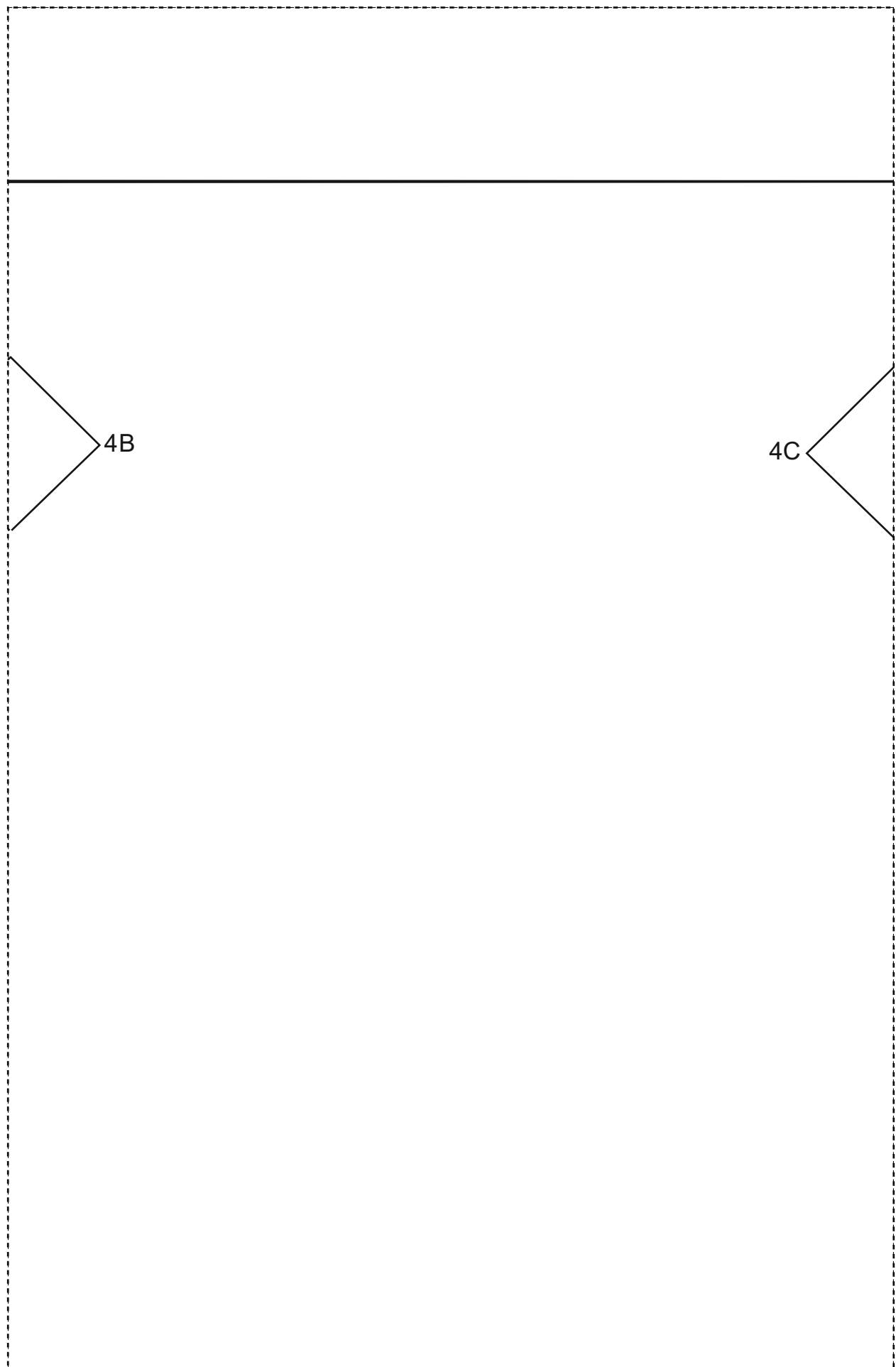






Matilda Skirt Front & Back

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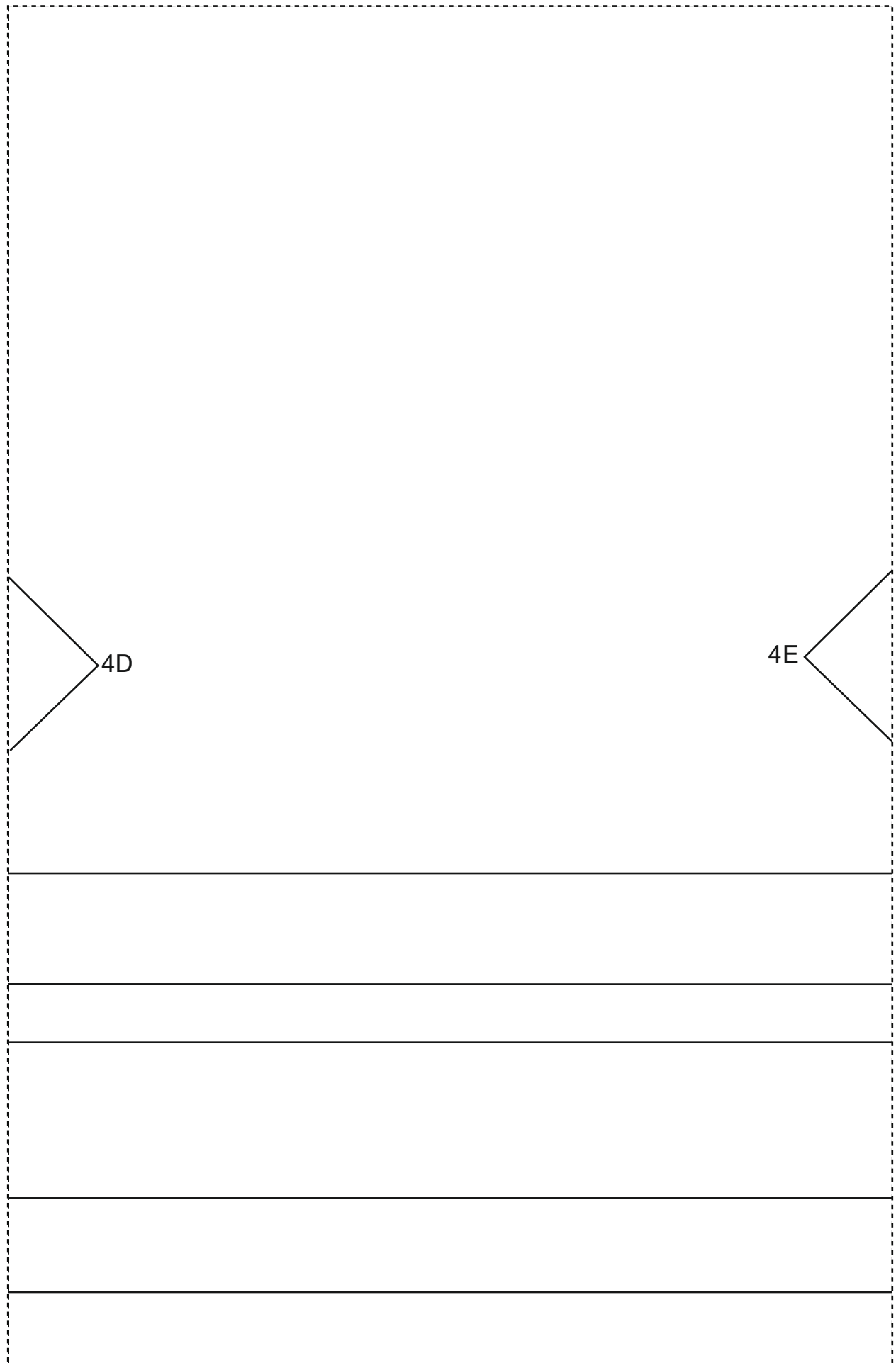
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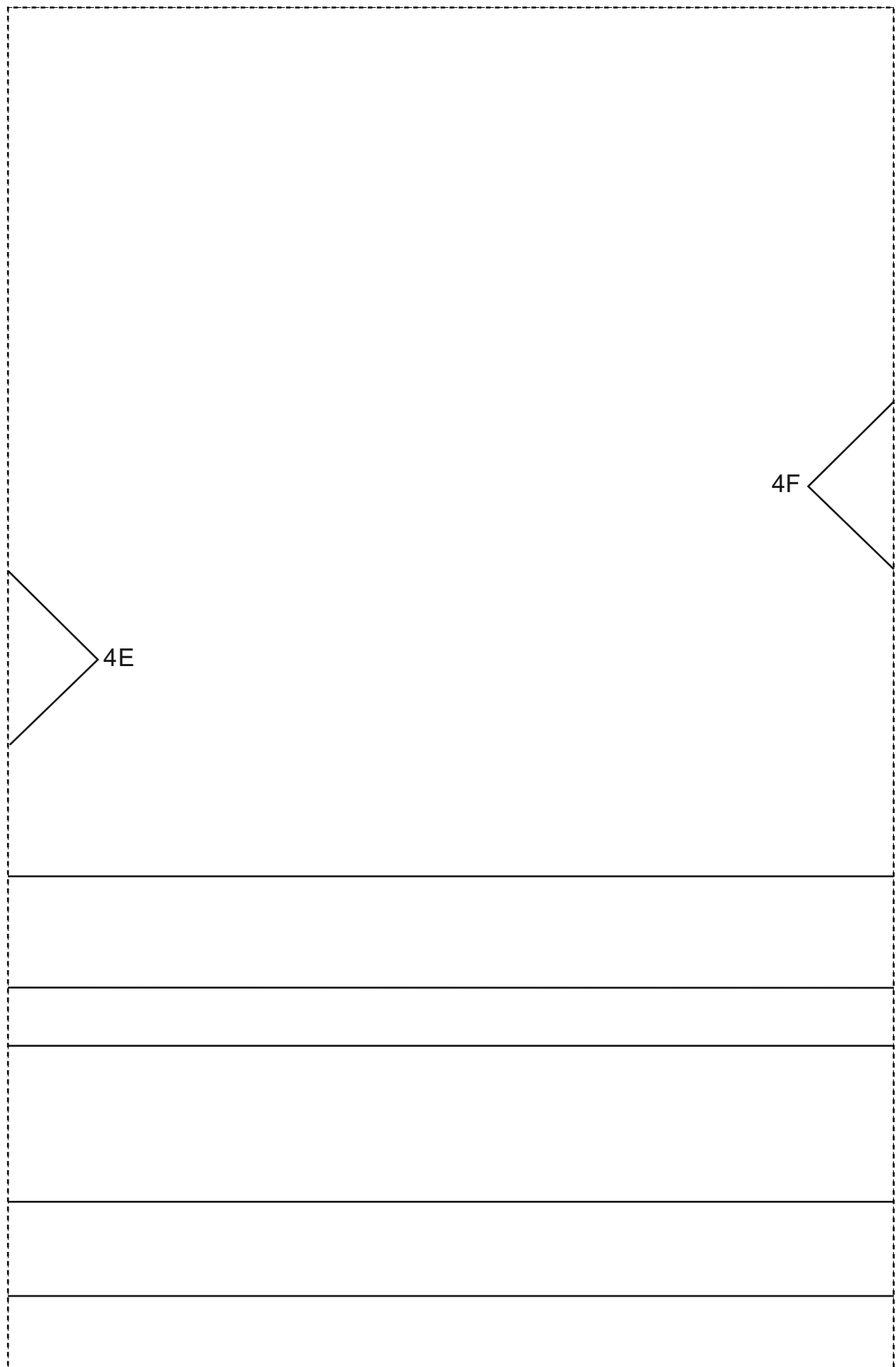
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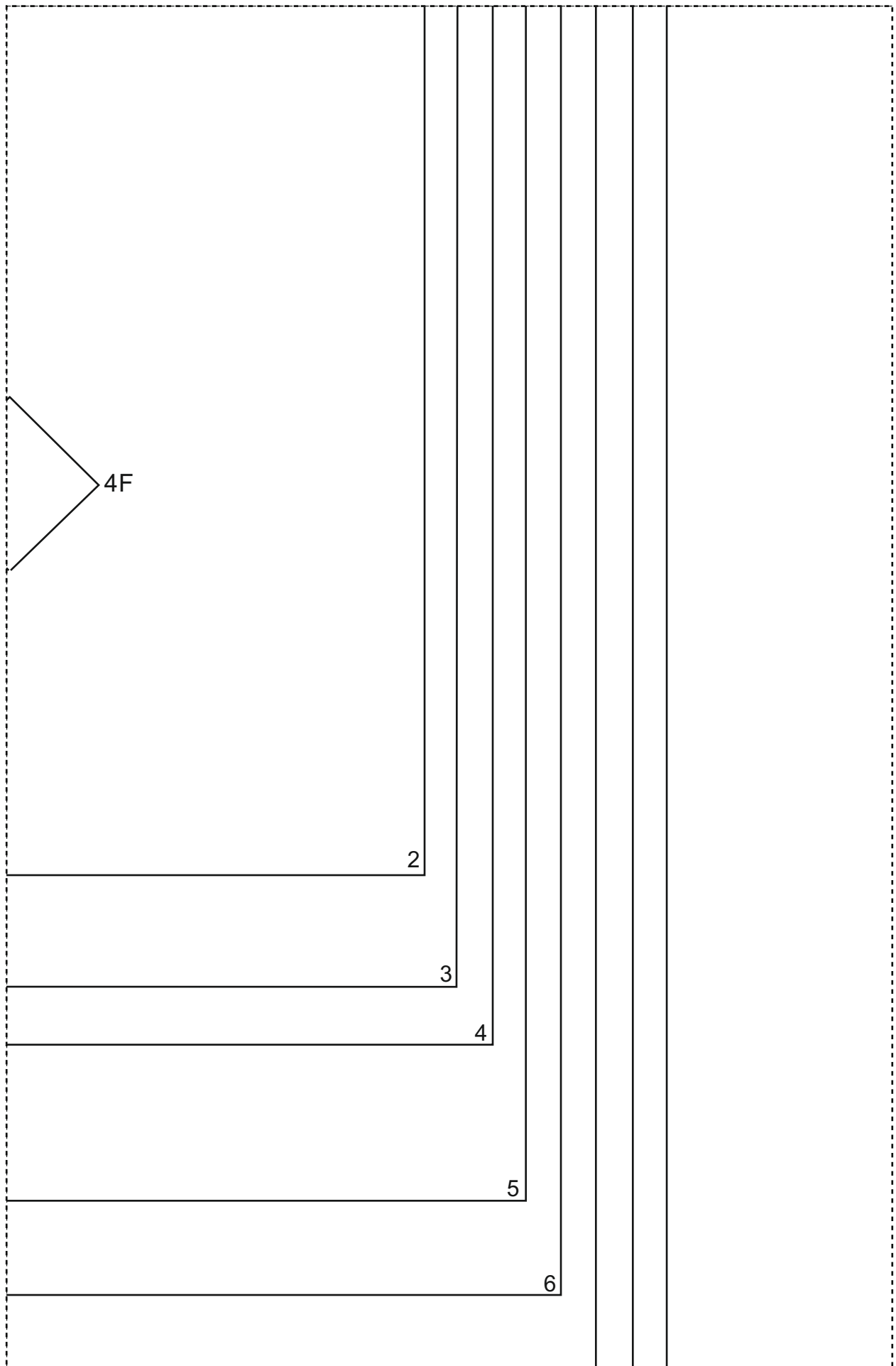
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